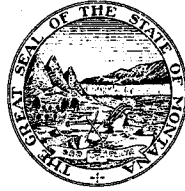


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April 12, 2007

The Honorable Mike Cooney
President, Montana State Senate
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

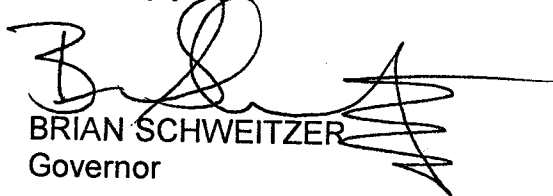
Dear President Cooney:

Attached is the third list of board appointments requiring confirmation by the Montana State Senate. We have supplied the following information for each appointment:

- Reference to statute and a brief description of the statute
- Name, address, and phone number(s) for each appointee
- Appointee qualifications and term of appointment
- Brief biographies

Additional information, including a complete list of Board and Council appointees, is available online at: <http://boards.mt.gov/>. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to contact our office if my staff or I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,


BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

Copy to: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services

Board of Architects -- 2-15-1761

The board consists of four members who have been Montana residents for 4 years prior to appointment. The members must include two registered architects who have been in continuous practice for 3 years before their appointment; one registered architect from the staff of MSU-Bozeman School of Architecture; and one public member not engaged in, or directly connected with, the practice of architecture. Members serve 3-year terms.

Ms. Maire O'Neill, 160 Cheever Hall, MSU, Bozeman MT 59717

Contact phone(s): 406-994-3950

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: March 27, 2010

Qualification: registered architect/MSU School of Architecture

O'Neill is an assistant professor in the School of Architecture at Montana State University-Bozeman. She has a master's degree in architecture from the University of California-Berkeley and a doctorate from Montana State University.

Board of Dentistry -- 2-15-1732

The board consists of 10 members who are Montana residents: Five dentists, one denturist, two dental hygienists, and two public members, one of whom must be a senior citizen. Each professional member must be licensed in the profession and have actively practiced in this state for at least 5 continuous years immediately before the appointment, and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board. Each member shall serve for a term of 5 years.

Mr. James Madison, PO Box 10, Jefferson City MT 59638

Contact phone(s): 406-933-5517

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: March 29, 2012

Qualification: public representative over 55 years of age

Madison has a master's degree from the University of Montana. He's a life-time resident of Jefferson County and served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 30 years. Madison retired as an administrator with the Department of Revenue. He's active in many community organizations, including the Clancy United Methodist Church.

Ms. Carol Price, 4 Burnt Mountain Crt, Clancy MT 59634

Contact phone(s): 406-443-8171

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: March 29, 2012

Qualification: dental hygienist

Price is a dental hygienist in Helena. She earned a bachelor's degree from Carroll College, and received a clinical practice award from the college's Department of Dental Hygiene. She has certifications in local anesthesia and CPR and has served as an examiner with the Western Regional Examination Board. Price is a past president of the Montana Dental Hygienists Association.

Mr. Cliff Christenot, 2850 US Highway 2 S, Libby MT 59923

Contact phone(s): 406-293-7412

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: March 29, 2012

Qualification: denturist

Christenot has been a licensed denturist since 1986. A Navy veteran, Christenot has worked as a certified radiological technician and surgical assistant, as well as in a commercial dental laboratory.

Dr. David Johnson, 982 Ave E NW Ste 24, Great Falls MT 59404

Contact phone(s): 406-761-1091 406-453-8198

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: March 29, 2012

Qualification: dentist

Johnson is in private practice, and earned his DDS degree from the University of Iowa. He is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, Reserve Officers Association and the American Legion. Johnson is affiliated with several professional academies and community organizations. He has also served on the Great Falls Transit District and the Tobacco Use Prevention Advisory Council.

Board of Hail Insurance -- 2-15-3003

The board consists of five members including the state auditor, the director of agriculture, who is secretary of the board, and three other members. The terms of office are for three years.

Mr. Jim Schillinger, PO Box 409, Baker MT 59313

Contact phone(s): 406-485-2600 406-7788-2206

Appointment date: 4/11/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2010

Qualification: public member

Schillinger received a degree in education from the University of Montana. He taught in the Baker school system for 28 years, where he also coached football, basketball and track, in addition to farming. He retired from teaching in 2005, and now farms full-time in McCone County. Schillinger is a member of the Montana Farmers Union.

Montana Arts Council -- 22-2-102

The council consists of 15 members who serve 5-year terms. Where possible, members are to come from the various geographical areas of the state and have a keen interest in one or more of the arts and a willingness to devote time and effort in the public interest.

Ms. Cindy Andrus, 3247 Gardenbrook Ln, Bozeman MT 59715

Contact phone(s): 406-586-1815 406-586-1815

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: February 1, 2012

Qualification: public representative

Andrus is the director of the Bozeman Convention and Visitor Bureau, and was a delegate to the U.S. Cultural and Heritage Summit in Washington, D.C. She is a founding member of the Bozeman Community Cultural Council and is also a member of the Tourism Advisory Council.

Ms. Judy Ulrich, 4 Elm Drive, Dillon MT 59725

Contact phone(s): 406-683-7422 406-683-2130

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: February 1, 2012

Qualification: public representative

Ulrich is a professor of education, English and fine arts at the University of Montana-Western, and has a Ph.D in child drama/theater education from Michigan State University. She is a founder of the Southwest Montana Arts Council and has over 35 years of acting, theater directing, and playscript development in K-12, university and community theater. Ulrich has been with the University of Montana-Western since 1998.

Mr. Rick Newby, 710 Harrison Avenue, Helena MT 59601

Contact phone(s): 406-449-6291 406-449-0668

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: February 1, 2012

Qualification: public representative

Newby serves on the boards for the Montana Artists Refuge, the Montana Center for the Book and the Helena Festival of the Book. He's written and edited books, stories and poems about Montana and the region, including RUDY AUTIO: THE INFINITE FIGURE, THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION and THE NEW MONTANA STORY: AN ANTHOLOGY. Newby serves as executive director of the Drumlummon Institute, and is a principal in ZADIG L.L.C.

Ms. Ellen Ornitz, 2570 Heeb Rd, Manhattan MT 59741

Contact phone(s): 406-587-9797 406-284-6671

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: February 1, 2012

Qualification: public representative

Ornitz is the visual arts director for the Emerson Cultural Center. She is an award-winning sculptor and has a master's degree in secondary art education from Indiana University. Ornitz has performed graduate work in painting, sculpture and ceramics at Montana State University. She is a member of the Museum and Art Gallery Directors Association and also serves on the Bozeman Public Library Arts Committee.

Mr. Marshall Friedman, 670 Woodside Lane, Whitefish MT 59937

Contact phone(s): 406-862-8212

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: February 1, 2012

Qualification: public representative

Friedman is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he studied business and Spanish. Friedman is involved in several community organizations, including the serving on the board of the Alpine Theatre Project in Whitefish, as well as the Whitefish School Trust Lands Advisory Committee, the Whitefish Community Open Lands Authority and the Flathead Gateway Partners.

Board of Oil and Gas Conservation -- 2-15-3303

The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board and consists of seven members. Three members shall be from the oil and gas industry and have had at least 3 years' experience in the production of oil and gas. Two members whom shall be landowners residing in oil or gas producing counties but not actively associated with the oil and gas industry, and one of those shall be one who owns the mineral rights with the surface and the other shall be one who does not own the mineral rights.

Mr. Ronald Efta, PO Box 300, Wibaux MT 59353

Contact phone(s): 406-796-2431

Appointment date: 3/28/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011

Qualification: public member/attorney

Efta has a law degree from the University of Montana and also earned a degree in business administration from UM. He has served as the Wibaux County Attorney since 1979, and is the third generation to be actively engaged in farming in Wibaux County.

Mr. Jack King, PO Box 2527, Billings MT 59103

Contact phone(s): 406-252-0576

Appointment date: 3/28/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011

Qualification: industry representative

King is the manager of oil and gas properties for Hancock Enterprises and graduated from the University of Montana with an economics degree. King is a board member for the Montana Petroleum Association and also serves on the advisory board for the College of Business, MSU-Billings.

Mr. Bret Smelser, PO Box 255, Sidney MT 59270

Contact phone(s): 406-488-7103

Appointment date: 3/28/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011

Qualification: landowner without minerals

Smelser has been mayor of Sidney since 2002, and owns and operates Border Steel and Recycling. Smelser graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in business administration. He's currently an officer in the Montana League of Cities and Towns, and is active in community organizations.

Board of Pardons and Parole -- 2-15-2302

The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board and consists of three members and four auxiliary members who serve staggered 4-year terms. Each member must have knowledge of American Indian culture and problems gained through training. Members of the board, including the auxiliary members, must possess academic training that has qualified them for professional practice in a field such as criminology, education, psychiatry, psychology, law, social work, sociology, or guidance and counseling. Related work experience in the areas listed may be substituted for these educational requirements.

Mr. Michael McKee, 317 E 13th, Helena MT 59601

Contact phone(s): 406-449-8690 406-449-7386

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011

Qualification: education or experience in criminology, education, psychiatry, psychology, law, social work, sociology, or guidance and counseling

McKee is the president/CEO of Elkhorn Federal Credit Union. He has a degree in sociology (with a minor in psychology) from the University of Montana, with emphasis on criminology and the criminal justice system. A Vietnam War veteran, he received a bronze star/police honor medal for his service. McKee previously served on the Board of Pardons and Parole (2001-2003).

Mr. John Rex, P.O. Box 656, Miles City MT 59301

Contact phone(s): 406-234-0234 406-234-8658

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011 (NOTE: This is a confirmation for Rex's reappointment to the Board; he was confirmed earlier this session for his initial appointment.)

Qualification: education or experience in criminology, education, psychiatry, psychology, law, social work, sociology, or guidance and counseling

Raised in Minnesota, Rex graduated from Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in human services with concentrations in chemical dependency and social problems. He interned on the Crow reservation and is currently the chemical dependency program director for the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center.

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners -- 2-15-1748

The board consists of five members as follows: three physical therapists licensed under Title 37, chapter 11, who have been actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board; one physician licensed under Title 37, chapter 3, who has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board; and one member of the general public who is not a physician or a physical therapist. Each member must have been a resident of Montana for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board. No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.

Ms. Kim Miller, PO Box 32, Virginia City MT 59755

Contact phone(s): 406-843-5888

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: July 1, 2009

Qualification: public member

Miller is the owner of Aunt Julia's Emporium, and previously worked as a grant writer/administrator for Madison County. She has a degree in sociology from the University of Montana.

Ms. Patti Jo Lane, 1101 26th St S, Great Falls MT 59405

Contact phone(s): 406-455-5000 406-268-1655

Appointment date: 4/12/2007; Term ends: July 1, 2009

Qualification: physical therapist

Lane has worked as a physical therapist in the private sector, the academic field and in a hospital setting. She has also managed a medical clinic. She has been a licensed physical therapist since 1993.

Private Security Patrol Officers and Investigators -- 2-15-1781

The board consists of seven members who represent: one contract security company, as defined by 37-60-101; one proprietary security organization, as defined by 37-60-101; one city police department; one county sheriff's office; one member of the public; one member of the peace officers' standards and training advisory council; and a licensed private investigator. Members of the board must be at least 25 years of age and have been residents of this state for more than 5 years. Members serve staggered 3-year terms.

Lt. Bryan Lockerby, PO Box 3443, Great Falls MT 59403

Contact phone(s): 406-455-8556 406-899-8782

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: August 1, 2009

Qualification: city police department representative

Lockerby is a Lieutenant with the Great Falls Police Department. He has served as president of the Montana Police Protective Association and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, where he was class valedictorian. Lockerby has also served on the Montana Department of Justice Law Enforcement Advisory Council.

Board of Public Assistance -- 2-15-2203

The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board and consists of three members. An employee of the Department of Public Health and Human Services cannot be a member of the board

Helen Barta Schmitt, 222 4th Ave NE, Sidney MT 59270

Contact phone(s): 406-433-7421; 406-482-9005

Appointment date: 4/2/2007; Term ends: January 1, 2011

Qualification: public representative

Schmitt is the program director for the Richland County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She's a 44-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is active in many other community organizations. She studied music therapy and elementary education at Montana State University-Billings from 1979-1985.

Public Employees Retirement Board -- 2-15-1009

The board has seven members who serve five-year terms. Three members must be public employees who are active members of a public employee retirement system, one retired public employee who is a member of a public employee retirement system, two public members and one member with experience in investment management or financial planning.

Mr. John Nielsen, 507 Hemlock, Glendive MT 59330

Contact phone(s): 406-345-8245 406-377-2680

Appointment date: 4/4/2007; Term ends: April 1, 2012

Qualification: public employee/active in retirement system

Nielsen is a shop foreman for the Montana Department of Transportation. He received a degree in diesel technology from MSU-Northern. Nielsen is the treasurer of the Montana Council 9, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and is active in the Evangelical Church and the Dawson County Search and Rescue.

Board of Regents -- 2-15-1508

The Board of Regents requires political and geographic balance. Each member serves a 7-year term, except for the student regent who serves one term (but may be reappointed). A regent may not be a member of the Board of Public Education. The student regent must be a registered, full-time student at a unit of higher education under the jurisdiction of the regents. The student regent appointment is not subject to geographic and political balance and is to be chosen from a list of 3 students submitted by a student organization designated by the Board of Regents.

Ms. Kerra Melvin, 1016 W Broadway, Butte MT 59701

Contact phone(s): 406-491-1245

Appointment date: 7/1/2007; Term ends: June 30, 2008

Qualification: Student Regent

Melvin is a junior at Montana Tech in Butte. She is studying business information systems and has a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. Melvin is currently a legislative intern for Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry and Hoven, P.C. in Helena. She is a recipient of the Haynes Foundation Scholarship and the Marcus Daly Fee Waiver and has been on the Dean's List for three semesters. Melvin is a graduate of Butte Central High School.